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The Honorable Joseph Souki
House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Souki:

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) is pleased to present this report on the "Economic Impact of International Students in Hawaii." As you know, DBEDT has been actively developing programs to market Hawaii and Hawaii's education institutions to international students.

As you begin negotiating on numerous appropriation measures in your respective houses and, in particular, HB775, Relating to Education, that appropriates funding to DBEDT for the marketing of international students, we hope you will take a moment to review the attached report. It provides a good overview of information that supports the department's belief that international students in Hawaii is a growth industry and one that positively contributes to the diversification of Hawaii's economy.

Should you have any questions related to the report, please do not hesitate to call Dennis Ling of my staff at 587-2755.

Sincerely,



Luis P. Salaveria

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